2018 Parent & Family Orientation Schedule

Day 1

(May 31, June 4, June 11, June 14, June 18, June 21, June 26, June 28)

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION, PARKING & CHECK-IN
Student Drop Off (starts at 8:00 a.m.).............Cone & Lovill Hall
Parking (starts at 8:00 a.m.).............Rivers Street Parking Deck
Parent Check-in (starts at 8:30 a.m.).....Schaefer Center Lobby

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
INFORMATION EXCHANGE..........................Trivette Hall
After checking in at the Schaefer Center, head over to Trivette Hall. Students can get their AppCards made and then families can make a quick stop to meet representatives from the following offices who are available to support you in your transition to Appalachian:

- Appalachian Food Services
- Career Development/Explore/Prep
- Counseling Center
- Financial Aid
- Health Services
- University Bookstore
- University Police
- & Em, Health, Safety & Emergency Management

*These representatives will be available at the Schaefer Center.

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
OPENING SESSION (Families and Students)
........................................................................Schaefer Center Auditorium
This first session provides students, and families the opportunity to learn about the student orientation program and to hear about Appalachian State University from our academic and student leaders. Immediately following the opening session, an overview of parent and family orientation will be provided, along with presentations from several campus units.

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS INTRODUCTION
........................................................................Schaefer Center Auditorium
Dr. Mark Ginn, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education or Dr. Greg Lester, Executive Director of Academic Advising & Student Success will discuss ways in which you may assist your students with their academic progress. After this introduction, families will make their way to the Student Union to meet with the appropriate College Dean based on their student's major.

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.
BRAK .................................. walk to Plemmons Student Union

11:45 – 12:45 p.m.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS BREAK OUT SESSIONS BY COLLEGE
..................................................................................Plemmons Student Union
Parents and families will break into small groups to meet with the appropriate College Dean based on their student's major. Use the majors' guide below to help you determine which College meeting to attend.

- Chemistry & Fermentation Sciences.......CAS
- Communication....................FAA
- Communication Sciences & Disorders...CHS
- Computer Science.......................CAS
- Cultural, Gender & Global Studies.....CAS
- Curriculum & Instruction.........COE
- Economics...................................CAS
- English.......................................CAS
- Exercise Sciences.....................CAS
- Family & Child Studies ..........COE
- Geology & Environmental Sciences...CAS
- Government & Justice Studies......CAS
- Health.............................................CHS
- History.............................................CAS
- Industrial Design.................FAA
- Industrial Management............FAA
- Information Technology.............CAS
- Language & Linguistics.............CAS
- Mathematics..............................CAS
- Mathematics & Statistics...........CAS
- Multiple Disciplines .................CAS
- Music..........................................CAS
- Nutrition & Foods.................CAS
- Philosophy................................CAS
- Physics & Astronomy..............CAS
- Psychology................................CAS
- Recreation Management...........COE
- Sociology...................................CAS
- Soil Science & Crop Science.....CAS
- Spanish........................................CAS
- Theatre & Dance.......................FAA
- Various Disciplines...............CAS
- Visual and Performing Arts......CAS
- Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies...CAS
- World Languages & Cultures......CAS
- Zoology........................................CAS

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
LUNCH
On campus you may choose to eat in the Roess Dining Hall or Cascade Café in the Plemmons Student Union (PSU). Both of these facilities accept cash, debit and credit cards.

1:45 – 3:15 p.m.
BUSINESS AFFAIRS & PARENT PANEL (GROUP A)
........................................................................Blue Ridge Ballroom, 201 Plemmons Student Union
Representatives from Appalachian Food Services, University Bookstore, University Police, Parking & Traffic and the AppCard Office (Identification Cards) will provide information and answer questions about meal plans, books, computers, vehicle registration, and campus safety.

Student leaders (SOUAs) and a member of the Parents Association Board of Directors will lead a question and answer session offering their perspectives on a variety of topics.

3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
STUDENT AFFAIRS & STUDENT WELLNESS (GROUP A)
........................................................................Linville Falls, 226 Plemmons Student Union
Dr. Jonathan Hyde will discuss how students grow and develop in college along with programs and services provided at Appalachian to assist students in this process.

Dr. Alex Howard, Director of Wellness and Prevention Services, will discuss how the office supports students through the promotion of healthy behaviors, risk behavior modification services, and advocacy for holistic well-being.

STUDENT AFFAIRS & STUDENT WELLNESS (GROUP B)
...........................................................................Linville Falls, 226 Plemmons Student Union
(See description above.)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
STUDENT AFFAIRS & STUDENT WELLNESS (GROUP B)
...........................................................................Blue Ridge Ballroom, 201 Plemmons Student Union
(See description above.)

5:05 – 5:35 p.m.
SPECIFIC POPULATION MEETINGS
......................................................................Plemmons Student Union (PSU)
ACCES Program..........................New River Room, PSU
Honors College.........................Three Top Room, PSU
Out-of-State Families (for students and families)........Linville Falls, PSU
Parents of Student Athletes (no mtg. 6/4, 6/14, or 6/25)....Tater Hill, PSU
Student Support Services (SSS) Program.........Watauga River Room, PSU
Watauga Residential College (no mtg. 6/21)........Roan Mt. Room, PSU

5:15 – 6:45 p.m.
FAMILY DINNER ON SANFORD MALL
(Rain location - Roess Dining Hall)
Meet your student at an Appalachian-style family picnic. You will use the meal ticket provided to you during registration. If additional guests are with you, extra tickets can be purchased throughout the day at the family information table in the Union next to the 1st Floor Information Desk ($10 cash/check only).
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Day 2

8:15 a.m.
UNLOCKING YOUR FUTURE
..........Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137 Plemons Student Union
Learn how you can assist your students in the career development process and the trends and issues they face in choosing a career path. Staff from the Career Development Center will discuss resources and activities that can help in making these important choices.

9:05 a.m.
Paying for College
..............Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137 Plemons Student Union
Financial aid will be disbursed to the student’s account. It will include information for federal education loans, the student’s cost of attendance and how/when the payment will be processed.

9:50 a.m.
LIVING IN COMMUNITY
..........Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137 Plemons Student Union
Learn more about the University’s expectations of students as they become members of the Appalachian family. Dean of Students Judy Hasa along with Director of Housing, Tom Kane, will discuss broad issues such as alcohol, drugs, and the conduct process. University Housing will address living on campus: packing, moving in, what to expect in the residence halls and Residential Learning Communities.

10:40 a.m. - BREAK

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CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES & ACTIVITIES
..........Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137 Plemons Student Union
The Department of Student Engagement and Leadership, Multicultural Student Development, Athletics and University Recreation will discuss opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Opportunities for leadership development, involvement options and their relation to student retention and graduation will be emphasized.

11:40 a.m.
Paying for College
..........Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137 Plemons Student Union
Paying for College is hosted by the Financial Aid Office and the Office of Student Accounts. It will focus on the types of financial aid available, the process of applying for federal education loans, the student’s cost of attendance and how financial aid will be disbursed to the student’s account. It will include information on Appalachian’s billing process and critical dates to remember.

12:30 p.m.
LUNCH
will be on your own. Your student should be done with their Orientation sessions between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Some sessions (including Honors) may run later.

Day 2 (cont.)

12:30 p.m.
RESOURCE FAIR
..........Cascades and International Hallways, Plemons Student Union
Get information from campus offices and learn more about what Appalachian has to offer (12:30 to 2:00 p.m)

12:30 p.m.
SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS

1. Make your hotel reservations now for Family Weekend (Oct. 19-21, 2018)!
2. Sign up for our Parent & Family emailing list to get monthly newsletters!
3. Complete your student’s Health Forms online through MedPortal.
4. Register to be a move-in volunteer!

Please choose one of the following special interest sessions below. Note that these sessions are only offered at this time.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE FAQ Session ..........Grandfather Mtn. Ballroom, 137

Didn’t get all your questions answered? Join our Student Accounts and Financial Aid representatives to get more clarification.

International Education & Development (OIED) ..............Roan Mtn. Room, 122

Representatives from OIED will introduce you to a variety of study abroad programs ranging from short-term faculty-led programs to semester or year-long opportunities. This session will discuss how to research study abroad opportunities at Appalachian, how to study abroad even if you don’t speak a foreign language, how to earn credits toward your degree while studying abroad, and where to explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities. You will learn how study abroad can infuse global and intercultural dimensions into your academic experience at Appalachian!

Multicultural Student Development .............Multicultural Center, 112

Multicultural Student Development is inclusive, not exclusive; therefore, it embraces and advances knowledge of difference, while also recognizing and celebrating our similarities. This session will talk with parents about the Multicultural Center, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender) Center, Women’s Center, and the programs that meet the needs of our diverse student communities.

Office of Disability Services .......................Watauga River Room, 102

Representatives from the Office of Disability Services (OIDS) will review documentation guidelines and procedures for individuals seeking reasonable accommodations. Important information will be covered regarding disability law as it pertains to higher education: The Americans’ with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Understanding similarities/differences in disability service provider laws & procedures promotes a smooth transition, therefore OIDS will focus on the significant differences in the shift between high school and higher education disability services.

Student Veteran’s Center Drop-In (for families) ..........Student Veteran Resource Center, Student Union, Suite 251

Military families attending this orientation session should stop by the Student Veteran’s Resource Center to receive information about on and off campus resources, organizations, and support systems.

Student Employment ....................................Three Top Room, 169

Join a Student Employment representative at this special interest session. We will identify resources for your student to find a job on campus or off campus and we will speak to the highlights of the Federal Work Study Program.